Queen Anne Cobblestone

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St. Anne's Turns 100

Centennial Events Planned

In December, 1908, the first Catholic Church on Queen Anne Hill was dedicated. St. Anne Church was a wood and stucco building at 2nd Ave. W. and W. Lee St. The building came in response to a petition by Queen Anne residents to establish a new parish there.

The Redemptorist Fathers of Sacred Heart assigned Father Patrick Byrne to lead the building effort. Other buildings followed, including St. Anne School in 1923 and the current church in 1963.

St. Anne Church, looking southeast, after its opening in 1908.

This year will see several St. Anne centennial events in the Queen Anne community: July 26-27 will have a history display as part of their St. Anne's Feast Day ; Dec. 14 will be the formal

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Genealogy and You!

Tips on Finding Your Family History

Wed. Mar. 26th, 7:30 pm

You may know who you are, but do you know where you came from and who else made the journey that resulted in you? It's all in your family.

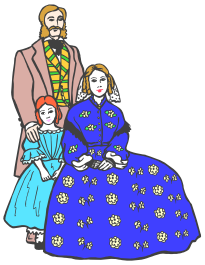
Where and how do you start searching your family tree?? Is it all on the Internet?? **Trish Hackett Nicola, Certified Genealogist and QAHS board member,** will help you get started researching and recording your family history. Trish will advise you about what resources are available in Seattle, the United States, worldwide and on the Internet. She will guide you through the maze of available websites, research repositories, genealogical and historical societies, magazines and forms.

Trish started working on her own family genealogy over twenty-five years ago. In the days before the Internet she published a family newsletter for six years so she could share her research. When she and her family moved to Atlanta in 1991, she joined a group of professional genealogists and started doing research for other people. In 2000 they moved back to Seattle and Trish became a Certified Genealogist.

This one hour discussion will give you a taste of family history research, but the real journey and the real excitement will come from your own search. Who knows what discoveries lie ahead?

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information contact John Hennes , 206-284-2266.



Membership Notice—New Renewal Dates!

The Membership Year has been changed to Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. In the past it ran from June 1 through May 31. The old dates always caused some confusion, so now we've made it the calendar year. All paid up members get a free six month extension this year, until Dec. 31. This will help with holiday gift memberships also. In other words, if your mailing label shows **"2008EXP" it means your membership runs through Dec. 31st of 2008**. *To learn more, call our Membership Chair, Holly Smith, 206-282-7515 (holly@qahistory.org)*

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Calendar of Events

Wed. Mar. 26, 2008
Program: Finding Your Family's History, by Trish Nicola. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story page 1)

Tue. April 22, 2008
Event: Assoc. of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) Annual Awards Program. MOHAI, 6 pm. (see www.akcho.org)

Wed. May 28, 2008
Program: The Stairways of Queen Anne, by Thomas Horton. Our Annual Meeting. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sun. June 1, 2008
Home Tour: St. Anne Tour of Homes. (see www.stanneseattle.org)

Sat. June 28, 2008
Walking Tour: The Society's annual historical walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. 10 am. Free.

Wed. Sept. 24, 2008
Program: Queen Anne's Grand Homes of the Past, by Bruce Jones. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Tue. Oct. 28, 2008
Event: Assoc. of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) meeting, to be held on Queen Anne. In work. 9:30 am.

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rededication of the church and a reception, led by Archbishop Brunett. Other events are also planned.

For details, call the Parish Office 206-282-0223 or see www.stanneseattle.org

Historic Marker Program Seeking New Candidates

The Society's Historic Marker Program was started two years ago to increase public awareness of our community's built history and to create a historical database of Queen Anne homes and their past owners.

Thus far, five homes have been documented and received their markers. The most recent is the Milnor Residence at 2403 Seventh Ave. West.

This 1907 "Seattle Box" was built by Walter Milnor and his wife Virginia. The current owners have completed a major restoration of the interior and the house is included in a wonderful book, "Classic Houses of Seattle", 2005.

The other designated houses can be seen at http://qahistory.org/hmp/desigs.htm.

In each case the homes have a charming marker placed, with the year the house was built.

The Marker Program requires home owner's to research their house's history. This leaves a permanent record with the Society for future historians to use. Houses must have been built prior to 1950. This program has no connection to the City of Seattle Landmark Designation process.

Milnor House, in 1937, at 2403 7th Ave. W. (7th W and W McGraw).

The Society would like to see many more markers on the hill. If you would like to learn more or know of a neighbor who might like to take part, call John DeRosa, 206-282-3842, *johnd@qahistory.org*.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Heritage News

A New Bartell Drugs on QA

The newest Bartell's opened on March 3 at 1929 Queen Anne Ave. N. in the new Eden Apartments, across from Metropolitan Market. Bartell Drugs is the oldest family-owned drugstore chain in the nation.

Founder George H. Bartell and his family lived on the Hill when he started the chain in 1890. His son

Bartell Drugs opens at Queen Anne Ave. N. and W. Crockett St.

George H. Bartell, Jr. became president in 1939. Today, his son, George D. Bartell is Chairman and CEO.

Aurora Bridge Fence Study

The Aurora Bridge (named George Washington Memorial Bridge) opened in 1932 and is on the national and state historic registers. A design study is now underway to build a barrier on the bridge to prevent people from jumping from it.

There have been over 50 suicides from the bridge since 1995. Six people jumped from there in 2007 (not all died). The design concepts must take its landmark status into consideration, as well as preserving as much view as possible.

The state legislature will have to provide funding, with the earliest start being in 2009. For more information or to get on their mailing list call 206-269-5041 or go to: http://www.aurorabridgefence.com/

Society is Seeking Obituaries

Part of our archive collection consists of news clippings and magazine articles on Queen Anne residents from the past. These are valuable to give brief histories of notable or not-so-notable personages in our history.

Often the only history of a person we have is contained in their obituary in the papers, here and elsewhere. It is a sad fact that we often ignore or discount our neighbor's stories...until they are gone.

The society collects obits and would like your help. We don't always know who was a Queen Anner or what their role on Queen Anne was. If you spot an obituary we should have, please clip it out and attach a note describing where and when it was printed and add any info you might recall about the person. For instance, "...he lived on 4th N and went to John Hay and his father ran a grocery store".

Please send them to Bob Frazier at the PO Box address.

January Program was Changed

Our January 23rd member program on the Ballard Locks had to be canceled due to a death in the speaker's family. A substitute program of videos of historical subjects was used. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

We hope to have Jay Wells of the Corps of Engineers back later in the year.

Queen Anne Stairways to be Featured on a New Map

A new project is reaching completion in the next month or two. You've all seen maps showing parks or bike routes. Now you will see a map that shows every public stairway on Queen Anne—well over 100 of them.

New member Thomas Horton brought his idea for a map to us several months ago. Now his research and map design are nearing completion. With the Society's help this will become a useful guide to walkers and tourists in their journeys about the hill.

The Annual Meeting program on May 28 will be devoted to this. Watch the next Cobblestone for more details or visit our website.

One of many stairs on Queen Anne, this one is at 2nd Ave. N. and Highland Drive.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address_____

City _____, State _____ Zip_____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

___ Individual	$15	___ Patron	$50 - $199
___ Family	$20	___ Benefactor	$200 & up
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___ I would like to become active in the Society.

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Return with payment to: *Queen Anne Historical Society, PO Box 19432, Seattle, WA 98109-1432*

I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: $25
($20 for members)
Hard cover: $45
($40 for members)

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty:____

Soft cover cost: $_____

Hard cover qty:____

Hard cover cost: $_____

Mailing costs at $3/book: _____

Total Cost: $_____

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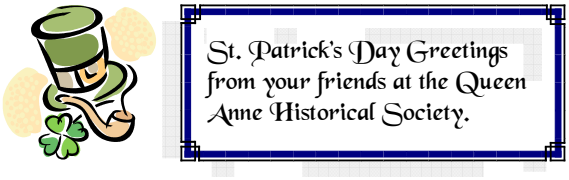
***Coming up*: Finding your family's history. Come to the Wed. March 26th general meeting at McClure at 7:30 pm. Story page 1.**



Kim's Musings

Stairways to Heaven

President John Hennes sent to me some interesting ideas for this column, most of which are based on current events happening on Queen Anne Hill. One of these is the forthcoming opening of the new Bartell's on top of the Hill. Your correspondent was unaware that this event was so close. This is one of the problems of **not** living on the Hill. I miss out on a lot of events, but more than that, I miss just walking around the Hill and seeing the great and wonderful older homes, structures, parks, and stairs.

The latter is one of my favorite memories of living on the Hill. I had to run down the steps at Third Avenue North whenever I went from the high school down to Memorial Stadium for an afternoon football game. Years before that, I often climbed those stairs with my family. We would often go up them after sunset, climbing the stairs all the way to Highland Drive, where we would walk along, looking at the beautifully lighted houses and the maze of stars overhead. Occasionally we would see an airplane heading north towards Alaska, a gray shadow against the night.

We would walk west to Queen Anne Avenue, then reverse our steps and go back to Second Avenue North, where we took a different set of stairs down to Ward Street, strolling along past still-wooded sections of property, and back down the stairs to our house (3rd N and Ward). That house has been radically altered in just the last two years – with an enormous double set of buildings on the property. The hedge which bordered the north side is gone, as is the back yard, and the rockery in front, which used to be covered at various times of the year with pinks, larkspur, iris and other seasonal flowers, is also gone.

Changes occur when we least expect them, sometimes for good, sometimes not. This means that it is that much more important to take photographs of each piece of property before it is changed, and also to take pictures afterwards. How much less rich our archives would be if we could not access illustrations of "what it was like before" to share. I have lived around stairs all of my life, either indoors or outdoors.

Kim R. Turner, Researcher, QAHS

**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266
for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**